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CHARLESTON, IL--"You are invited to join the Tarble Arts Center" is the theme of this year's membership drive, set for the month of September.

Director Donald Carmichael said the membership drive goal for this year is to raise \$20,000. He added that this figure represents a large portion of the total programming budget for the Center, which is located on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

Most programming which takes place at the Center must be funded through community support, Carmichael said. Programming includes numerous art exhibits, lectures, films, educational workshops and concerts by area and nationally-known artists.

Carmichael said the Tarble Arts Center's direction "depends upon the support we get. We have a lot of exciting ideas, but without the money we can't make them happen."

Memberships are divided into seven categories: Student/Senior Citizen-\$10; Individual Patron-\$15; Family Patron-\$25; Supporting Patron-\$100; Corporate Patron-\$250; Sustaining Patron-\$500; and Benefactor-\$1,000.

Checks should be made payable to the EIU Foundation with notations that they are for TAC membership.

Programs to support this goal in the Center's first year of operation have included 29 workshops for young people and adults, 31 exhibitions by various types of artists, 16 concerts and recitals and 14 lectures.

Registered attendance for the year surpassed the 17,000 mark.

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Tarble Arts Center
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Besides supporting the Center through attendance of events, many people have volunteered their services to help in the gift shop, give tours and handle receptions.

About 90 percent of the working staff at the Tarble Arts Center are volunteers, Carmichael said.

Persons interested in volunteering their time or helping in the membership drive should call 581-2787 or 581-5832, or write to the Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill. 61920.